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PRICE 8/- PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

October 30. BUNNENUE, British steamer, 1,497. A. W. S. Thomson, London 13th September, and Singapore 23rd October, General—Ginn, LIVINGSTON & Co.

October 31. MEEFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,638. Lancaster, Whampoo 3rd October, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

October 31. DEVONSHIRE, British steamer, 1,513. A. Purvis, London 6th September, and Singapore 23rd October, General—RUSSELL & Co.

October 31. NALEDOO, British steamer, 378. Jno. Campbell, put back, Rice and Salt—C. N. Co.

October 31. CONSTANCE, British corvette, Leicester C. Kepel, Nagasaki 24th October.

October 31. FREEJE, Danish steamer, 307. C. Lund, Haiphong 27th October, General—ARNHOLD, KASPERG & Co.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

31ST OCTOBER.

Clan Mackenzie, British ship, for Havre. Haiphong, British str., for Swatow.

Anton, German str., for Hokkow.

Fidelio, German str., for Swatow.

Revenue, British str., for Yokohama.

Oxfordshire, British str., for Samarang.

Anchises, British str., for Singapore.

Iris, German str., for Singapore.

### DEPARTURES.

October 30. KUTING, British steamer, for Whampoo.

October 31. PATROCULUS, British steamer, for Amoy.

October 31. BANTAM, Dutch steamer, for Singapore, &c.

October 31. ANCHISES, British str., for London.

October 31. ELMINA, Dutch brig, for Amoy.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Bremen, str., from London, &c.—162 Chinese from Singapore.

For Devonsire, str., from London, &c.—150 Chinese.

Per Frer, str., from Haiphong—30 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Anadyr, str., from Hongkong—for Siberia—Mrs. K. Beng, Mrs. C. Reiley and Son and Child, and 2 Chinese. For Singapore—Mr. Frank Franco and servant Messrs. J. S. Stew, Mr. A. Perkins, W. H. Dargavel, and W. T. St. John, Messrs. General Printed, Lister, Mason, Mason, W. McDonald and F. S. Dacon. From Shanghai—For Saigon—Messrs. Sardan, Valente, Graze, Abu, Guenah, and P. Clark, and 32 marines. For Singapore—Messrs. Setobeling and W. M. Dartwold. For Port Said—Mr. Fantesco, and 1 Chinese. For Marseilles—Mr. and Dr. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester, J. Chapman and servant, Messrs. Lester, DeWolsey, Lister, Mason, W. M. Witt, Davidson, Fyne, J. R. Scott, and Weeks.

### REPORTS.

The Danish steamer Fregat, from Haiphong 27th October, reports had strong N.E. wind throughout.

The British steamer Batavia, from London 14th September, and Singapore 2nd October, reports from lat. 6 N. to Hongkong had very strong N.E. monsoon and high seas.

The British steamer Dromineer, from London 6th September, and Singapore 23rd October, reports had moderate N.E. gale with high sea and passing squalls throughout the passage from Singapore.

### INTIMATION.

ZETLAND LODGE No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FLEMING'S HALL Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 1st November, at 8.30 p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHFATHERS cordially invited. Hongkong, 27th October, 1887. [1263]

### BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. STAINFIELD, 55, Queen's Road East, has PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE for Single Men or Married Couples, at reasonable rates. Hongkong, 14th October, 1887. [1264]

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have This Day REMOVED to 110, Queen's Road Central, and also 22 Praya Central, next door to the VICTORIA HOTEL, NAM HING LOONG. Hongkong, 11th October, 1887. [1265]

### H. N. G. L. U. N. G. S.

BEST FIRE CRACKERS and all kinds of FIRE WORKS. Also MAN SHUN WING'S CHEFOO PONGEE SILK WHOLESALE, FUNG TANG, Sole Agent, 42, BONHAN STRAND, Hongkong. [1264]

### POR TLAND C E M E N T

J. B. W H I T E & B R O S. Sole Agents for CHINA, HOLLAND, WIRE & CO. Hongkong, 11th April, 1887. [1265]

### U T L E R, A. L. M. R. & C O.

OF LONDON, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, BOMBA, MADRAS, LAHORE, KURNAKHIE, &c. Are represented in China by Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., STEMMER & Co., LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. & by H. E. REYNELL & Co. in Japan. Subjoined are some of the items consigned by these well known Shippers.

### S P I R I T S.

COGNAC—The popular "4 Star" quality and best COGNAC—The well-known "3 Star" quality. WHISKY SCOTCH, in Heart Slipped bottles, a specialty. WHISKY SCOTCH, in Ordinary bottles. The "Glenlivet" Whisky round bottle. The "Square bottle" Whisky of Napier John. The Celebrated "CARLTON"—11 years old. WHISKY IRISH, the best selected, very fine. N.B.—All the above Spirits are excellent quality, and are recommended.

### W I N E S.

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CLARET, red, Monton, Larose, St. Estephe, Medoc in Quarts & Pints. Need no recommendation.

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G. E. O. S. M. I. T. H. WINE MERCHANT, SHANGHAI. AGENTS. NORTON & Co. MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, 1st October, 1887. [1266]

## INTIMATIONS.

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FOR many years the STANDARD LIFE OFFICE has paid away upwards of Half a Million Pounds Sterling per Annum in Death Claims. Its Funds—steadily increasing, exceed £4 Millions, and have increased over 50 per cent. in the last 15 years. The New Assurances on carefully selected lives for the last five years have been in excess of the Business transacted by any of the Scottish Life Offices. The Business is conducted with economy, the premiums are moderate, and the conditions will be found liberal.

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### L A N E, C R A W F O R D & C o.

### H O N G K O N G, 15th October, 1887.

### K E LLY & W A L S H, L I M I T E D.

### J U S T R E C E I V E D

### T H E A t l a s C o l l e c t i o n o f t h e D a n c e - M u s i c o f S c o t l a n d .

### K y l e ' s S e c t i o n a l L y r i c G e m s .

### H u n t o n ' s " O u t l i n e o f U n i v e r s a l H i s t o r y ."

### C a l l e c t o r ' s " L a s t G r a p h i c P i c t u r e s ."

### R i c h a r d ' s " H o w t o l e a r n R u s s i a n , w i t h K e y ."

### B o o k l e t , " P a c i f i c P o r t s , A n g l i s h a n d E n g l i s h D i c t i o n a r y , 2 n d E d i t i o n ."

### T h e Y o u n g L a d i e s ' G u i d e t o t h e W o r k T a b l e .

### M o d e l y ' s " F i r s t S k i t c h o f E n g l i s h L i t e r a t u r e ."

### "M i n e r a l s a n d M i n i n g " b y D a v i e s .

### T r a v e l ' s " M a n u a l o f S o c i e t y , " 3 V o l s .

### L e w i s ' " H i s t o r y o f P h i l o s o p h y , " 2 V o l s .

### M a c l e s o n ' s " D i s e a s e s o f T r o p i c a l C l i m a t e s ."

### C h a p m a n ' s " L u c k " b y P r o c t o r .

### C h a p m a n ' s " D i c t i o n a r y o f M e t a l l u r g y , " b y P h i l i p s & D a v i e s .

### M c G l o d d o n ' s " D i c t i o n a r y o f C o m m e r c e a n d C o m m e c i a l N a v i g a t i o n ."

### T h e " C o u l d i n g a n d C o m p o u n d i n g L i q u i d s " b y F l e i s c h m a n .

### C a n a d i a n P i c t u r e s , d r a w n w i t h P a n & P e a c h , b y t h e M a r q u i s o f L o r a n , K.T.

### A u s t r a l i a n P i c t u r e s d r a w n w i t h P a n & P e a c h , b y H. W i l h o u g h t ,

### K ELLY & W A L S H, L I M I T E D , H O N G K O N G .

### E A P O R T

### E R E V E I S N O W S H I E V I N G H I S

### N E W S E A S O N ' S C H R I S T M A S C A R D S ,

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### a n d v e r y a p p r o p r i a t e f o r s e n d i n g t o E u r o p e .

### A N E W S e r i e s o f

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### w i t h a p p r o p r i a t e m o t i o n s .

### F R I G E R A T O R E S & C I G A R S T O R E

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## INTIMATIONS.

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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY  
FOR 1887.  
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 19th September, 1887.

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

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Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.

After half hour the supply is limited.

## TELEPHONE No. 12.

DEATH.  
At Mount Gough, the Peak, on the 24th October, WILLIAM HENRY BREWER, Barrister-at-law, aged 50 years.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 1st, 1887.

All hope of seeing a British dollar coined in the East, now that we fear, has been abandoned. A strong effort has been made at Singapore, both by the Government and the Chamber of Commerce, to induce the home Government to have such a coin struck, but the effort has proved fruitless.

The immediate object in view. Probably a mistake was made by the Singapore people in suggesting a coin which, being of greater intrinsic value than the Mexican, could not compete with it on even terms, even apart from the question of the greater or less cost of coining.

To meet this it was proposed to demonstrate the Mexican. To this the Secretary of State objected, on the ground that any such step would run counter to the received currency principle that law should provide custom in giving coin the status of legal tender; and he is supported by the opinion of the Treasury authorities. Sir FREDERICK WELD had pointed out the advantages which would accrue to the Colony from having the Queen's coin in circulation as a valuable means of furthering British influence in the Malay Peninsula, where trade is steadily increasing; and on the other hand he referred to the disadvantages under which the trade of the Straits Settlements labour owing to the fact that the currency arrangements are liable to disturbance at any time from fluctuations in the price of Mexican dollars, in addition to which there is the danger—a remote one, we think—of the Japanese Government ceasing the coining of the yen. The agitation of the subject, though it has failed to secure a British dollar, has nevertheless produced one good and notable result. In reply to Sir FREDERICK WELD's remarks on the uncertainty attending currency matters, the Treasury authorities suggest that an issue of Government dollar notes under effective safeguards will provide for any possible falling off in the volume of metallic currency. The Secretary of State also favours the same idea.

It may reasonably be expected, therefore, that before long the neighbouring colony will have a Government one dollar note issued sufficiently large to meet its requirements. If so the same benefit cannot long be denied to Hongkong. We have in this colony had practical experience of the advantages of the one dollar note issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the only cause for dissatisfaction being that owing to senseless Government restrictions the issue falls far short of our requirements, as shown by the fact that the notes command one per cent premium. An adequate supply of dollar notes is an urgent want of the colony; whether it be supplied by the Government taking the matter into its own hands or by allowing the Bank to increase its issue is a matter of indifference, for the shareholders of the Bank are subject to unlimited liability in respect of the note issue and the security is therefore absolute.

On the 14th September last we reprinted from the Bangkok Times the report of a most influential and extremely well attended and representative meeting of British subjects, including a number of Asiatics, held at Bangkok, to consider certain matters connected with the administration of justice in the British Consular Court there. At that meeting very grave charges were advanced against the Consul, Mr. GOULD. In commenting on the proceedings we said:

"Having before us only the ex parte statements of the Consul's accusers it is impossible to form a judgment on the case further than that it is one that demands investigation; and, while holding the necessity for an investigation, we further said that we found it difficult to believe that the charges reflecting on the Consul's probity were well founded. Our suspicion on this point finds its justification in a letter which has been addressed by most of the leading British residents in Bangkok to the Marquis of SALISBURY, as Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The signatories to this letter say—

"From our own knowledge, we can assert that Her Majesty's Consul, Mr. GOULD, has the entire confidence and esteem of all respectable European and Asiatic British subjects in Siam." Interestingly, therefore, those whose confidence and esteem Mr. GOULD does not possess are classed as outside the pale of respectability. However this may be, their numbers must certainly be few, for the letter to the Marquis of SALISBURY is signed by almost the whole of the British community, and it is noteworthy that while the meeting in September was described by the local papers as being "a most influential and extremely well attended and representative meeting" no list was given of the names of those present, although in such a small community there could have been no difficulty in obtaining such a list. It would seem, therefore, that the report in the Bangkok Times was misleading, unless the attendance at the meeting included a large proportion of the signatories to the letter to the Foreign Secretary, which is unlikely. Is that letter a protest made "against the action of certain individuals who have, for some time past, been active in publishing, in the name of the British community here, the most scandalous and unwarrantable aspersions upon the motives and actions of the British Consular authorities in this country?" The individuals referred to, if few in number, have succeeded in making a great deal of noise, and it was high time that those who differed from them should make their voice heard. It is extremely gratifying to find the charges against Mr. GOULD's personal honour so satisfactorily refuted when, for we must hold them refuted when, with the exception of two or three individuals, the whole of the British community here, the most scandalous and unwarrantable aspersions upon the motives and actions of the British Consular authorities in this country." The individuals referred to, if few in number, have succeeded in making a great deal of noise, and it was high time that those who differed from them should make their voice heard. It is extremely gratifying to find the charges against Mr. GOULD's personal honour so satisfactorily refuted when, for we must hold them refuted when, with the exception of two or three individuals, the whole of the British community here, the most scandalous and unwarrantable aspersions upon the motives and actions of the British Consular authorities in this country." 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LONDON, 15th October.  
The Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, G.C.M.G., C.B., represents Canada at the Fisheries Conference.  
LONDON, 22nd October.  
Skirmishes between the Police and people continue in London.  
Lord Lytton has been appointed Ambassador to Paris.  
Despatches report a disturbed feeling in Zanzibar.

LONDON, 23rd October.  
Lord Hartington has condemned Mr. Gladstone's language, because he considers it weakens the arm of the Government.

The Paris press approves of the arrangement for the Control of the Suez Canal route, and generally expresses opinions that the agreement with regard to the New Hebrides will reconcile all prejudices.

LONDON, 26th October.  
The rioting in London is subsiding and there is not so much parading in the streets.

Several batteries of artillery have been placed under orders for South Africa.

Signor Crispi has not Prince Bismarck at Turin, and the Press reports of the interview state that the latter is resolved to uphold the maintenance of peace in Europe.

LONDON, 27th October.  
A Slave plot has been discovered to assassinate Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

A relative of M. Grévy has been found to be implicated in the scandals in connection with the sale of decorations.

LONDON, 28th October.  
Dervishes have attacked Wady-Halifa, but have been repulsed with heavy loss.

General Haavelock has started for Zanzibar. Prince Ferdinand has opened the Suez.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

#### THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS": Sir.—The discussion regarding the Public School, which it will be remembered, originated mainly from the issue of the famous (being a mild-spoken man I do not use the word in vain) circular, has had the good effect of inducing Bishop Burdon to make his views public. If not in the school, at least in the Diocese, the discussion is to be continued, and those who recognize the necessity for the admission of girls desire to see it reorganized and the preponderating influence now wielded in the Committee by the Clerical party reduced. This view, I am glad to see, is supported with one voice by the Press. I cannot help thinking that the Bishop's letter shows the truth of what you said in your first leader on the subject, that the school is to be run by the Catholic or Protestant, either with entire temerity to their control of the education of the young, while the tendency of the age is to take it out of their hands. There can be no doubt as to which side will win. His Lordship says that there are other schools for Roman Catholics with which he and his party did not wish to interfere. The choice of school should surely be left to the parents, but it is not that several Roman Catholics are not to be found among the children in the Public School, show that they are not satisfied with the schools with which Bishop Burdon does not wish to interfere. This is usually, I have been told, because they object to the large amount of time given to religious exercises—14 hours!—and to the strictness with which they are compelled to attend them, and to the extent to which they are compelled to come from to some extent from the ignorance and superstition which owing to the priest-ridden state of their mother countries prevails there. It will be remembered that when Governor Henniker did his best to injure the Central School his efforts were supported with at least a benevolent neutrality by Bishop Burdon as well as by the Roman Catholic priests, who, however, did not share his views. They dress in European clothes, and Roman Catholics or any others, if they will, and wash and their parents are asked to pay the fees (which ought not to be too low) should be excluded. Not being Roman Catholic myself this is the very reason why I think children of that faith should be especially welcomed, although I would by no means interfere with their religion; let them have as much as they like of it, but let them have as much as they like of the world outside. A broad and enlightened education on a scientific basis is the best way to fight what is objectionable in Roman Catholicism. And why should Eurasians be excluded? Bishop Burdon appears to think that he must be executive officer as well as teacher, and that is his duty to visit the aims of the fathers upon the children. The question of whether these restrictions should continue is to be decided by the public.

As to a home for itself for the School which must be got soon, I do not see how the Government could well refuse a site and I do not think it would be refused, especially when the crying need of a school for girls is pointed out. If, as you say, the Government, under the Grant-in-aid conditions, would also pay half the cost of the building, the sum to be paid would readily be obtained. The same would be true if the institutions so far become self-supporting when once fairly started. It is also true that on an enlarged basis it would do so more easily than it does now, and the teaching would be immensely improved, if it is a simple impossibility for one man to do the work even of the School is now.

That Bishop Burdon is not keeping abreast of the times is shown by his advocating a model school for Eurasians. He is right in assuming who has had experience of mixed schools, and he will tell you that they have many advantages and no disadvantages. The cost of course would be very much less, and the teaching better than could be the case with separate schools. His Lordship says that it is intended to include European girls in the benefits of the projected "Jubilee." Surely he does not mean to include them in the same school as the Eurasians for a school for the daughters of Europeans who are able to pay \$5 per month. Yet why does he mention it in this connection?

Yours faithfully,

ENERGY.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1887.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.  
Sir.—The phrase "want of tact and management," which appeared in the short leader in your issue of to-day to the Hongkong Volunteers, scores a bull's eye, for it hits the mark fairly, and explains in few words the chief cause of the depression of spirit at present existing amongst the members.

Apart from the natural and to some extent unavoidable causes of discontent in this Colony, arising out of constant relocations in this Colony, the moral is not that the movement has received a temporary check, but that the Corps has any vitality in it whatsoever, for, from the date of the retirement of Major Moore-Lane, which happened very soon after the Corps was formed—with the exception of the short time Major Tripp was in command—the movement has been beneath criticism or comment.

My object in penning these few lines is, however, to assure you, and any other well-wishers, that there is no fear whatever of dissolution, and further, I am prepared to put 5 Mexican with you that before the end of the year '25 to 30 good British recruits join our ranks; but the "One Man" system must go, and these Chinese interferences with the men does not constitute tact, and simply issuing expresses for general drill at Murray Battery will not pass muster for management.

It may interest you to know that in March, 1886, we had 103 Effective and 75 Honorary members on the rolls. To-day we have 80 Effective and about 80 Honorary members. So those 30 Effectives have given up the Colonies, even if we check them out on a bit of board.

JUNIOR GONES.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1887.

#### FOOCHOW WINTER RACES.

The following is the programme, from which it will be seen that the meeting is to extend over three days, and each day's sport is to be confined to the afternoon. The Chinese gunners are made the feature of the meeting:

FIRST DAY, 14th December.

The MAIDEN STAKES: forced of \$10 each, with \$50 added; for subscription griffins; weights as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

The RIVERMAN'S CUP: (presented); value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance, \$5. One mile and a quarter.

The STAND STAKES, of \$10 each, with \$50 added; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance, \$5. One mile and a half.

The CHASSE CUP: (presented); value \$—75 and 25 per cent to first and second ponies; for subscription griffins; weights as per scale; winners 10 lbs. extra; entrance, forced, \$5. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY, 15th December.

The LINGER CUP: (presented); for subscription griffins; winners 10 lbs. extra; previous winners 10 lbs. extra; entrance, forced, \$5. Half a mile.

The RACING STAKES, of \$10 each, with \$25 and 25 per cent to first and second ponies; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners 10 lbs. extra; entrance, forced, \$5. Seven furlongs.

The TEA MERCHANTS' CUP: (presented); by the Tea Merchants' Association; value \$—70, 20, and 10 per cent to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. One mile and a half.

The HARBOR CUP: (presented); value \$—70, 20, and 10 per cent to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. One mile and a half.

The RACING STAKES, of \$10 each, with \$25 and 25 per cent to first and second ponies; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners 10 lbs. extra; entrance, forced, \$5. Seven furlongs.

The FOOCHEE CUP: (presented); value \$10 each. A charge of \$25 for subscription griffins; second pony to receive \$25; third pony \$15, from the Club; weights as per scale. One mile.

THIRD DAY, 16th December.

The LUSITANO CUP: (presented) by the Portuguese Community; for subscription griffins; three or more ponies to start from opposing stables; no race; weights as per scale; entrance, forced, \$5. Three-quarters of a mile.

The LADIES' PUPS: (presented); for all Portugal owned ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; subscription griffins; owners up, allowed 7 lbs.; entrance, \$5. One round.

The CONSOLIDATION STAKES, of \$5 each; 50 per cent to first and 25 per cent to second ponies; for all bond base subscription griffins; first pony to receive \$25; second 30; third 10 per cent of the Stakes with \$30, \$20 and \$10 added; weights as per scale. One mile.

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## LOTTERY AGENCIES IN HONGKONG.

Some years ago it was proposed in Hongkong, in connection with legislative respect, public gambling, to make the sale of foreign lottery tickets illegal. The proposal fell through, because certain of the unofficial members expressed their personal partiality for this particular form of public gambling. The sale of Manila lottery tickets has consequently gone on unchecked, and probably increases every month, for the popularity of the lottery seems constantly to wax greater. It is not so many years since the first prize was only \$8,000; now it is \$40,000, and the other prizes have increased in number and amount, the total value of the prizes at the present time being \$150,000. Adding on to this sum the Philippine Government's Commission of twenty-five per cent, we arrive at the sum of \$187,500 spent every month in lottery tickets. Hongkong is one of the principal markets for the tickets; Chinese and Europeans alike buy them, and the arrival of the list of prizes creates quite an excitement in the place. The amount of money drawn from the colony during the year must run at least six figures. Some of it, of course, comes back in the prizes, but they consist only a few, while those who can ill afford to do so are tempted to spend their \$8 a month in the hope of becoming suddenly rich, and have to subject themselves and their families to privations in consequence. Amongst the well-to-do classes the lottery is spoken of jokingly, and investments in tickets are made purely by way of amusement—if the \$40,000 comes well and good, if not there is no harm done—but amongst other classes in the colony the lottery produces to a certain extent the same evil which led to the suppression of lotteries in England. We notice that in the Straits Settlements a new Gambling Ordinance has been introduced in which foreign lotteries are dealt with. The Attorney-General, in speaking upon this part of the Bill, said the lotteries were no doubt a source of danger to the community and a drain upon the resources of the colony; but the pecuniary loss was not the worse; it was the loss of character of the population; it was impossible that frugality and economy could flourish where the gambling spirit existed; gambling was always an apology for idleness and extravagance and not infrequently led to actual crime. It is accordingly proposed to legislate against lotteries. We have not seen a copy of the Bill, and in the condensed report of the Attorney-General's speech in the *Straits Times* the provisions in respect of this matter are only briefly mentioned; but it would seem that every ticket found is to be forfeited and every sale of one to be void. If this is all the Bill has to say on this point it is doubtful whether it is likely to have much effect. What would be required in Hongkong if the matter were being dealt with here, would be to make the hawking of tickets a punishable offence. And sooner or later the matter will, we think, have to be dealt with. The keeping of agencies for native lotteries is illegal, and probably the amount of money spent on them does not amount to half as much as that spent on the Manila lottery. If lotteries are to be legislated against at all it is inconsistent with justice that any particular lottery should be exempted simply because it is patronised by Europeans as well as by the native community. It will be interesting to watch whether there is any opposition raised to the proposed legislation in Singapores similar to that which took place here.

## THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER FORCE.

From the remarks made by Major Taaffe at the meeting of the Hongkong Volunteers on Tuesday it would seem that the enthusiasm of the members of the Corps is at a low ebb. Last season out of a force of over eighty only fifty turned up to drill, thirty-five men, including Sergeants and Corporals, never putting in an appearance at all. As Major Taaffe says, this is a perfect farce. Even of the fifty who did attend drill some, we gather, did not attend the number of times required to entitle them to rank as efficient, because we are told that "recruits come two or three times and then find it too much trouble and do not turn up again." We hope the Corps is not going to break up like its predecessors. The men have shown at their annual competitions that they are able to handle the guns effectively and make good practice at the targets, and there can be no doubt that in an emergency they would, I Corps is maintained in numbers and efficiency, be able to render valuable assistance in the defence of the Island. It is not easy to account for the lassitude which now prevails, for apart from patriotic considerations, with its shooting parties and prize competitions, and the number of young men in the colony is growing larger every year. Possibly there has been some want of tact in the management, in fact it is an open secret that there has been some friction. In this connection the absence from the meeting of Captain FRANCIS, who acted as Commandant during Major Taaffe's absence, may be remarked. Several questions were put which it was said no one but Captain FRANCIS could answer, and regret was expressed that that officer was not present to do so. Captain FRANCIS is hardly the man to run away from a row, which as a rule he shows more inclination to court than to shun, but it is certainly singular that holding the position he does in the Corps, he should, on this particular occasion, have allowed any private engagement to interfere with his attendance at its annual meeting.

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALAY PENINSULA.

New Colonial Governors can ever have had a more pleasing task to perform than that which fell to the lot of Sir FREDERICK WELD when he reviewed the history of his Administration of the Government of the Straits Settlements in his farewell address to the Legislative Council of that colony. Sir FREDERICK WELD was Governor of the Straits Settlements for seven and a half years, an extension of the usual term of a Governorship having been made in his case. In the course of the few remarks he made in acknowledging appreciative speeches made by two of the unofficial members after the delivery of his address, Sir FREDERICK said he believed he was the only Governor who had refused promotion to a great colony, in order to return to his work in the Straits, and he might say an extension was not "granted" to him, but that he was asked to return. The ex-Governor undoubtedly had his heart in his work, and if the extension was intended as a compliment it was well deserved, and it gave him the opportunity, which we believe was very agreeable to himself, of completing ver-

tin matters of high policy he had in hand. During the term of his Governorship, the progress of the Straits Settlements and of the Protected States has been almost phenomenal. The revenue of the Colony, leaving the Native States out of the question, was in 1880 \$2,361,300; the probable revenue for 1887 amounts to \$8,765,000. During the same period the trade has increased by almost \$4 millions of dollars, namely, from \$161,770,000 in 1880 to \$225,680,000 in 1886. The population has increased from 223,384 in 1881 to 506,000 (estimated) at the end of 1886. Education has much more than kept pace with the increase of population: in 1881, the number of schools inspected was 59, and pupils presented for examination 2,421; these numbers had increased last year to 177 and 6,161, respectively. The attraction the Settlements hold to Asiatic labourers may be gathered from the fact that the immigrants increased from 9,691 Indians and 11,261 Chinese in 1880 to 20,308 Indians and 15,175 Chinese in 1886; the prosperity which attends these immigrants in their new home is a matter of common observation. Statistics are not usually interesting, but we think it will be acknowledged that those given above are exception to the rule. Hongkong has always considered itself the "hub of the East," but Singapore is beginning to run us closely. It must not be forgotten, however, that the figures are for the whole of the Settlements and not for Singapore alone. It is, of course, impossible to say how much of the almost unparalleled prosperity to which we have alluded attention is due to the wise government of Sir FREDERICK WELD and how much to the forces of circumstances. Given the natural elements of prosperity, and energy and enterprise to work them, and a place will prosper even in spite of bad government. In the Straits Settlements these elements exist in a marked degree, but it may fairly be claimed for Sir FREDERICK WELD that the whole tendency of his government has been in the direction of developing them. On only one question was there any serious difference of opinion between him and the community, as represented by the unofficial members of Council, and that was with reference to certain phases of the land question. In the Straits Settlements, as in Hongkong, the arrangements with regard to the occupation of and title to land had been until lately of a very inadequate description, and widespread confusion and uncertainty was the result. One of Sir FREDERICK WELD's tasks has been to straighten out the state of things of which the introduction of foreign words into the language is taken to be an indication, and points with indignation to the Monsieur who, not content with having his diploma made in London, even sends his shirts there to be washed. Then we come to the motive of the article, The Figaro had published a series of articles in which the work of the English gunsmiths was

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## PROTECTION IN FRENCH COLONIES.

"Anglomania" is the title of an article in a recent number of the *Sirignano*, signed "GEORGES MAX," the *acte de paix* of a lively writer who came out of France two months ago to assume the editorship of that journal. "When M. Léonard made the *Dauphin*, in 'Charles VI,' shout 'Death to the tyrants, never shall the English rule France,' he little thought that a day would come in 1887, when, under a Republic, we should be the voluntary tributaries of *la perfide Albion*." So the article commences. It goes on: "Yes, Anglomania has considered itself the 'hub of the East,' but Singapore is beginning to run us closely. It must not be forgotten, however, that the figures are for the whole of the Settlements and not for Singapore alone. It is, of course, impossible to say how much of the almost unparalleled prosperity to which we have alluded attention is due to the wise government of Sir FREDERICK WELD and how much to the forces of circumstances. Given the natural elements of prosperity, and energy and enterprise to work them, and a place will prosper even in spite of bad government. In the Straits Settlements these elements exist in a marked degree, but it may fairly be claimed for Sir FREDERICK WELD that the whole tendency of his government has been in the direction of developing them. On only one question was there any serious difference of opinion between him and the community, as represented by the unofficial members of Council, and that was with reference to certain phases of the land question. In the Straits Settlements, as in Hongkong, the arrangements with regard to the occupation of and title to land had been until lately of a very inadequate description, and widespread confusion and uncertainty was the result. One of Sir FREDERICK WELD's tasks has been to straighten out the state of things of which the introduction of foreign words into the language is taken to be an indication, and points with indignation to the Monsieur who, not content with having his diploma made in London, even sends his shirts there to be washed. Then we come to the motive of the article, The Figaro had published a series of articles in which the work of the English gunsmiths was

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